

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive gaming system comprising:  
a user computer;  
a data network in communication with said user computer;  
a gaming server in communication with said data network;  
at least one ~~wagering device~~ slot machine in communication with said gaming server,  
said ~~wagering device~~ slot machine being located remotely from said user computer, wherein said  
user computer remotely controls said at least one ~~wagering device~~ slot machine, and wherein the  
slot machine has been previously approved by a gaming regulator for the locale in which the slot  
machine is located; and

a bandwidth and transmission detection device, wherein transmissions between said user  
computer and said ~~wagering device~~ slot machine are optimized using encryption and  
compression techniques.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a video camera in  
communication with said gaming server.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a financial data server in  
communication with said gaming server.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a routing/traffic  
management server in communication with said gaming server.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an archive data server in  
communication with said gaming server.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an archive data server in  
communication with said gaming server, wherein said archive data server comprises a date and  
time stamping unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a relay switching and serial data interface in communication with said gaming server and said at least one ~~wagering device~~ slot machine.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said gaming server further comprises a file compression codec filter.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said system transmits information in real time.

10. (Cancelled) The system of claim 1 comprising a bandwidth and transmission detection device, wherein transmissions between said user computer and said wagering device are optimized using encryption and compression techniques.

11. (Currently Amended) An interactive gaming system comprising:  
means for communicating between a remotely located computer and a ~~wagering device~~ slot machine previously approved by a gaming regulator for the locale in which the slot machine is located;

means for entering commands into the computer to operate and control the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine; and

means for detecting a bandwidth and transmission, wherein transmissions between said remotely located computer and said ~~wagering device~~ slot machine are optimized using encryption and compression techniques.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for permitting a remotely located player to control a ~~wagering device~~ slot machine previously approved by a gaming regulator for the locale in which the slot machine is located, said method comprising:

using a remotely located computer to communicate with the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine;

entering commands into the computer to operate and control the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine; and

detecting the player's connection bandwidth and transmission speed, wherein transmissions between said remotely located computer and said ~~wagering device~~ slot machine are optimized using encryption and compression techniques.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising remote viewing of the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein using a remotely located computer to communicate with the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine further comprises communicating through a data network.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein using a remotely located computer to communicate with the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine further comprises communicating through a gaming server.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising accessing personal financial information through the remotely located computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising accessing personal financial information through the remotely located computer and transferring money from a player's account to enable play on the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
accessing personal financial information through the remotely located computer;  
transferring money from a player's account to a deposit account,

authorizing a player access to play the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine based on a status of the deposit account; and

transferring relative gains or losses between the deposit account and the player's account.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
accessing personal financial information through the remotely located computer;  
transferring money from a player's account to a deposit account,  
authorizing a player access to play the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine based on a status of the deposit account;

playing another ~~wagering device~~ slot machine or other game of chance using the deposit account; and

transferring relative gains or losses between the deposit account and the player's account.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising reviewing actions taken by the player and results generated by the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine on the remotely located computer.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein operating the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine comprises entering commands into the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine using a proxy.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the proxy is human.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the proxy is non-human.

24. (Cancelled) The method of claim 12 further comprising detection of the player's connection bandwidth and transmission speed.

25. (Cancelled) The method of claim 12 further comprising detection of the player's connection bandwidth and transmission speed, wherein the detection is automatic.
26. (Cancelled) The method of claim [12] 25 further comprising optimizing transmitted information based upon detected bandwidth and transmission speed.
27. (Cancelled) The method of claim [12] 26 further comprising optimizing transmitted information based upon detected bandwidth and transmission speed, wherein optimizing comprises selecting appropriate encryption or compression techniques.
28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising polling at least one ~~wagering device~~ slot machine to determine availability.
29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28 further comprising providing a graphical user interface associated with the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine polled for availability.
30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further comprising selecting an available ~~wagering device~~ slot machine using the graphical user interface.
31. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising polling at least one gaming server to determine availability.
32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
transferring money from a player's account to an interstitial account server,  
authorizing a player to play the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine based on a status of the interstitial account server, and  
transferring relative gains or losses between the interstitial account server and the player's account.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:  
communicating the status of the player's account in an external database with a  
routing/traffic management server, the player's external database managed by a casino operator,  
authorizing a player to communicate with a routing/traffic management server based on a  
status of the player's account,  
permitting a player to play the ~~wagering device~~ slot machine based on an authentication  
check of the player, and  
transferring relative gains or losses between a slot bank and the player's external account.

34. (Cancelled): A method for permitting a remotely located player to control a  
wagering device comprising the steps of:  
using a remotely located computer to communicate with the wagering device; and  
entering commands into the computer to operate the wagering device.

35. (Withdrawn): In a system for remotely controlling at least one wagering device  
using a user computer, a computer-readable memory for storing data for access by an application  
program comprising:

a data structure stored in said computer-readable memory, said data structure including  
information used by said application program and including:

- a plurality of personal data fields;
- a plurality of financial fields;
- a plurality of wagering device control fields;
- a plurality of wagering fields;
- a plurality of results fields;

wherein said fields have values and said application program controls the  
operation of the at least one wagering device.

36. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35  
further comprising a plurality of video display fields.

37. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35, wherein said plurality of financial fields comprise a plurality of account balance fields.

38. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35 further comprising a plurality of archival fields.

39. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35 further comprising a plurality of date and time fields.

40. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35 further comprising a plurality of bandwidth fields.

41. (Withdrawn): The data structure of said computer-readable memory of claim 35 further comprising a plurality of transmission speed fields.